

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
& ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
EMERGENCY MEETING
MAY 3, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: M. Evette Brantley, Co-chair; Warren Blunt, Lydia Martinez, Leticia Colon (7:00 p.m.)

STAFF: Kelly McDermott, Senior Manager

OTHERS: Angie Saltero, Redevelopment/NRZ; Steve Layton, Parks; Alanna Kabel, Assistant CAO; Council Member Richard Bonney

RECONVENE FROM RECESS

Council Member Brantley called the meeting back to order after a recess. A quorum was not present. Ms. McDermott announced that the meeting had recessed on May 2nd and was reconvening tonight because due to the HUD May 15th deadline for the CDBG/ESG/Home/HOPWA allocation as well as the PSG 37 amendment deadline. In order to meet that deadline, the last scheduled Council Meeting prior to that date will be on May 7th and therefore there is an emergency for ECDCE to meet at this time in order to meet the deadline.

Due to the fact that there was no quorum, Council Member Brantley requested that Mr. Layton present his information first to those present. Council Member Brantley said that Mr. Layton was present to discuss the Parks allocation on line 9 on page 4 of 5 of the CDBG budget. She added that there had been a concern regarding the projects requested from the grant funding and the projects listed in the Capital Fund Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Layton then spoke about the project, which was part of a multi year project. The CDBG request portion of the plan would be used this coming fiscal year for serious repair in Upchurch Park, the James Brown Park, along with others and to repair some sports courts that are not usable, such as tennis and basketball, including a new basketball court at Success Park. This request addresses specific amenities that the Department would like to address through Block Grant Funding. The Capital Plan is the full build out of the total plan. Often Parks is able to leverage funding with the other groups. The CDBG request is separate and distinct from the Capital Plan Parks Master Plan request. Once the improvements start to take place, the residents are able to start enjoying the parks.

Council Member Brantley thanked Mr. Layton for his explanation.

Council Member Blunt said that the meeting the previous night had been ended with some questions about available funding. He said that there may be an additional \$415,000. Ms. McDermott said that there had been about outstanding balance of \$247,000 following the meeting that recessed the previous night.

Council Member Blunt said that he would like to have the North End NRZ received some funding. Ms. Brantley said that there was additional funding given to bring it up to \$100,000 and listed off the various projects. Council Member Blunt said that he did not hear anything about the North End. He said that the 135th had been struggling for a long time to get started. Discussion followed about the need for the consultant as a first step for the new NRZ. It costs \$40,000 for the RFP for the consultant to write the plan for the new NRZ. The neighborhood community council works with the NRZ on issues. The consultant then writes the bylaws and helps to get Council approval.

Council Member Blunt said that this issue was very important to him and the groups work to improve the quality of life for everyone. It also provides communication for the community. He said that while he understands that everyone has their own personal passions and important projects. He reminded everyone that he had supported all the other NRZs when they were starting.

Council Member Lyons joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was now present.

Council Member Brantley informed Council Member Lyons that Mr. Layton had been present and reviewed the difference between the Capital request for a Master Plan and the current projects that were under consideration including:

Black Rock, Longfellow School, resurfacing basketball courts;
Success Park, resurfacing and repairs;
James Brown Park on Waterview Avenue - amphitheater; and
Upchurch Park, repair basketball court.

Council Member Lyons said that she appreciated the information but that there was no significant information for the Parks Master Plan. She said that it was important to understand the Capital Parks Plan.

**53-11 Consolidated Plan 2008-2013 PY 38 Annual Action Plan:
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant Program (HESG)
HOME Investment Partnership Program
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program
(HOPWA).**

79-11 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development

Program Year 37 (Ref. #35-10) Annual Action Plan: ESG Substantial Amendment.

Council Member Brantley said that the Budget and Appropriations Committee had removed over \$300,000 from the budget and moved it back to the CDBG. However, in subsequent discussions with Mr. Sherwood, it was decided that the \$300,000, which was for staff salaries, could be returned to City budget. this means that there will be funding that could be added back to the allocation.

The Committee then moved to page 3 to review the allocations. Council Member Brantley asked where the new North End public facilities funding. Discussion followed about relocating the funding. Council Member Lyons pointed out that her area did not have an NRZ. Discussion followed about the difference between an NRZ and a Community Council. Council Member Blunt explained that while the two groups were inter-related, they had two different functions.

The Committee then reviewed the projects allocation list and the assignment of funding for the various projects.

RECESS

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO ENTER RECESS**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ENTER INTO RECESS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A recess was declared at 7:20 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 7:37 p.m.

The Committee continued their review of the various amounts of allocation.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 79-11 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM YEAR 37 (REF. #35-10) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: ESG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT AS DISCUSSED ON MAY 2, 2012.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (HESG) PY 38.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY 38 HOME PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY 38 HOPWA (HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS) ALLOCATIONS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE PY 38 ECDC FUNDING AS FOLLOWS:**

PUBLIC SERVICES:

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY CULTURAL CENTER	\$0
BLACK ROCK NRZ	\$0
BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, URBAN GARDENS	\$0
BRIDGEPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY, BUSINESS TRAINING	\$0
BRIDGEPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY, UNIQUE & UNIFIED	\$6,000
BRIDGEPORT P.A.L.	\$5,000
BRIDGEPORT Y.M.C.A. SOUTH END COMMUNITY CENTER	\$9,964
CAREER RESOURCES, FATHERHOOD WORKS PROGRAM	\$5,000
CAROLINE HOUSE, LITERACY PROGRAM	\$2,000
CHILD & FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER, SIHRY PROG.	\$4,000
CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT, SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROG.	\$5,000
COB EAST SIDE SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM	\$4,500
COB EAST SIDE SENIOR CENTER, RENTAL	\$40,000
COB HEALTH DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES EMERG. RELOCATION	\$0
COB HEALTH DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES – LANDLORD/TENANT	\$0
COB HEALTH DEPT OFFICE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	\$0
COB HEALTH DEPT VETERANS AFFAIRS	\$0
COB HEALTH DEPT YSB PROGRAM MATCH	\$30,000
COB LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM, MAYOR’S CONSERV. CORPS	\$100,000
COB DEPARTMENT OF AGING, RSVP	\$17,406
COB DEPARTMENT ON AGING, SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM	\$30,000
COB PARKS AND RECREATION, SENIOR LIFESTYLE PROGRAM	\$4,500
DOWNTOWN CABARET THEATER	\$7,000
EAST END NRZ	\$0
FAMILY SERVICES WOODFIELD WORK SKILLS TRAINING	\$5,000
GREATER BRIDGEPORT AREA PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROG	\$0
GREATER BPT COMM. ENTERPRISE BUSINESS INCUBATOR	\$39,000
GROUNDWORKS BRIDGEPORT	\$4,000
HALL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, ELLA JACKSON SR. CTR.	\$17,000

HEALING TREE ECON. DEVEL. - KINGS PANTRY	\$0
LIBERATION PROGRAM	\$0
LOWER EAST SIDE DEVEL. CORP. HOUSING SERVICES (LESDCO)	\$0
MCGIVNEY COMMUNITY CENTER	\$5,000
MISSION OF PEACE, FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM	\$6,000
NEIGHBORHOOD STUDIOS OF FFLD COUNTY CONSERVATORY	\$4,000
NORTH END COMMUNITY COUNCIL	\$13,000
OPED, NRZ SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM	\$0
OPED, ONR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROG.	\$0
OPED ONR BGREEN BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM	\$3,000
PIVOT MINISTRIES, GED TRAINING	\$9,000
PRAYER TABERNACLE, FAMILY LIFE CENTER	\$0
RALPHOLA TAYLOR CTR, NIGHT RECREATION PROG.	\$10,000
RECOVERY NETWORK, PROSPECT HOUSE VOC. TRAINING	\$4,000
RYASAP, MYO PROGRAM	\$6,500
SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION	\$2,000
ST. JOHN'S FAMILY CENTER EARLY CHILDHOOD PROG.	\$3,000
UNITED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COMM. SUPPER	\$0
URBAN LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN CT, FINANCIAL EDUCATION	\$0
VILLAGE INITIATIVE PROJECT	\$15,000
PUBLIC SERVICE TOTAL	\$415,870

HOUSING:

BRIDGEPORT NEIGHBORHOOD TRUST	\$0
BRIDGEPORT WILMOT APARTMENTS **	\$95,000
CD, BRIDGEPORT LEAD FREE FAMILIES PROGRAM **	\$25,000
CD, HOMEOWNERS REHAB PROG (LOAN OR GRANT ONLY)**	\$134,536
CD, HOUSING PROGRAM DELIVERY **	\$100,000
CEDAR PARK **	\$175,008
COB, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HOUSING CODE	\$0
COB, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, LEAD PROGRAM	\$0
MARRAKECH, INC.	\$0
MISSION OF PEACE	\$0
MUTAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION **	\$25,000
THE KENNEDY CENTER **	\$48,600
TOWNHOUSE COMMONS	\$0
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY	\$0

**** YEAR 38 REPROGRAM FUNDS**

PUBLIC FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE:

ABCD FREEMAN HOMES	\$0
CARDINAL SHEEHAN CENTER	\$43,000
GREATER BRIDGEPORT AREA PREGNANCY PREVENTION	\$10,000
GREATER BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE BUG HUG	\$0
HALL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, BOILER REPLACEMENT	\$79,200
IDEA FOR AUTISM	\$25,000
MCGIVENY CENTER	\$19,595
NEIGHBORHOOD STUDIO OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY**	\$55,000
OPED, OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION	\$191,849
OPED, STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	\$40,000
PRAYER TABERNACLE	\$0
COB PARKS DEPARTMENT, TREE PLANTING PROGRAM	\$119,000
COB PARK DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC PARKS IMPROVEMENT *	\$459,367
COB PARK DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC PARKS IMPROVEMENT **	\$12,277
RALPHOLA TAYLOR CENTER	\$50,000
RECOVERY NETWORK	\$22,000
UPPER EAST SIDE BLOCK WATCH – INELIGIBLE	-

* YEAR 38 RECOMMENDED

** YEAR 38 REPROGRAM FUNDS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND	\$0
OPED BUSINESS LOAN FUND *	\$25,000
OPED BUSINESS LOAN FUND **	\$25,000

* YEAR 38 RECOMMENDED

** YEAR 38 REPROGRAM FUNDS

PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION

OPED, RESERVOIR AVENUE NRZ PLAN	\$40,000
CD, CDBG ADMINISTRATION	\$514,494

SECTION 108

108 LOAN OBLIGATION	\$718,094
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GRAND TOTAL PY 38 REGULAR CDBG FUNDING	\$2,772,469
GRAND TOTAL PY 38 REPROGRAMMING	\$695,421

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Service